

Springfield District Report - March 2004

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Elaine McConnell, Supervisor

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Supervisor McConnell To Hold Town Meetings

Supervisor Elaine McConnell will hold two community meetings in March to discuss the FY 2005 advertised budget and real estate tax assessments.

The first community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, in Rooms 4 & 5 of the Government Center for those constituents in the Fairfax Center area, the western portion of the Springfield District. In addition to remarks from McConnell, participants will have the opportunity to hear from County Executive Tony Griffin, Chief Financial Officer Ed Long and Tax Administration’s Real Estate Division Director Janet Coldsmith.

A second community meeting will occur at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, in the Community Room of the West Springfield Government Center. This is to accommodate residents in the other end of the district. Most of the presenters will be the same as the previous meeting with the substitution of Lonnie Bryan of the Department of Tax Administration. For further information or for reasonable ADA accommodations, please contact [Marlae Schnare](#), Supervisor McConnell’s Administrative Aide, at 703-324-2500, TTY 703-455-6691.

County Executive Presents Proposed FY 2005 Budget

On February 23 County Executive Tony Griffin presented to the Board of Supervisors his proposed fiscal plan for FY 2005, which runs from July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005. The Board of Supervisors has scheduled their budget markup session for Monday, April 19, at 10 a.m. and will formally adopt the budget on Monday, April 26, at 10 a.m. Complete budget information with public hearing dates can be found on the [county Website](#).

Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BACs) Openings

Citizen advisory bodies play a very important role in county government. Supervisor McConnell is looking for a Springfield District representative for the following BACs:

- Child Care Advisory Council
- [Human Services Council](#)
- Airports Advisory Committee
- Advisory Social Services Board

If you are interested in serving on any of these BACs, please contact [Dianne Peikin](#), Supervisor McConnell’s Administrative Aide, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691. For further information on the various BACs, see the [BACs Website](#).

Land Use Committee Meets April 6

The Springfield District Fairfax Center Area Land Use Committee will next meet on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. The committee will review the Random Hills Investment, LCC application to rezone 4.7 acres of property to construct 62 attached townhouse units. The property that is the subject of this discussion is located on Random Hills Rd., west of Ridge Top Rd., Tax Map No. 56-2 - ((11)) - B1. For further information or for reasonable ADA accommodations, please contact [Marlae Schnare](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-324-2500, TTY 703-455-6691. For general information on the land use committee and for minutes of past meetings, see the Springfield District Land Use [Website](#).

Community Room Available for Non-Profit Groups

The West Springfield Governmental Center offers not-for-profit community groups the opportunity to reserve (for free) meeting space in the Community Room. This room can hold up to 100 people, or can be split into 2 separate rooms with a folding wall holding 50 people each. All organizations wishing to reserve the Community Room must submit an application to Springfield District Supervisor Elaine McConnell's office. For further information see the Community Room [Website](#), or call [Dianne Peikin](#), Supervisor McConnell's Administrative Aide, at 703-451-8873, TTY 703-455-6691.

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Elaine's Original Recipe

Spring is in the air! With the weather warming and the birds chirping, it's not too early to celebrate the first stirrings of spring with Supervisor McConnell's unusual not-too-sweet side dish (or even dessert for some), a tasty way to begin fortifying ourselves for the new season ahead. Bon appétit!

Carrot Pudding

3 cups grated carrots
1 cups sugar
2 eggs – well beaten
½ cup milk
¼ lb. butter
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon allspice
½ teaspoon nutmeg

Melt butter, add sugar, spices, eggs, and carrots. Bake in a casserole dish at 350 for 1 to 1 ½ hours or until firm.

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